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SUBJECT: ITALIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ON DEFOLIANT CLOUD

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BEGIN TEXT:

1. REFERENCE SITCEN 2502 DATE-TIME GROUP 251420Z JUL.

FROM: NATO BRUSSELS

TO: AIG 6016

INFO: -

SUBJ: AELWR REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY ITALY.

NORTH ITALY AREA NEAR MILAN HIT BY A CLOUD OF

POISONOUS GAS FOLLOWING AN EXPLOSION IN A CHEMICAL

FACTORY. GAS SIMILAR TO DEFOLIANTS USED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

KNOWN AS QUOTE TCDD UNQUOTE OR QUOTE TETRACHLORODIBENZENE

PARADIOXINE UNQUOTE. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE

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OF NATO MEMBERS TO SUGGEST EFFICIENT AND RAPID MEASURES
TO CONTROL AND DESTROY THIS GAS SPREADING OVER LIVING AREAS.
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THAT FEDERAL REPUBLIC GERMANY
HAS BEEN CONFRONTED WITH SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN THE RUHR. FRG

EXPERIENCE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED. URGENT REPLY SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED BOTH TO ITALIAN DELEGATION TO NATO BRUSSELS AND
TO ROME MINISTRY OF INTERIOR DIRECTION OF CIVIL PROTECTION
ATT. MARONGIU.

2. REFERENCE SITCEN 2503 DATE-TIME GROUP 251425Z JUL.
FROM: NATO BRUSSELS
TO : AIG 6007
INFO : CINCENT-CINCSOUTH
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY ITALY
NORTH ITALY AREA NEAR MILAN HIT BY A CLOUD OF POISONOUS GAS
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TO DEFOLIANTS USED IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA KNOWN AS QUOTE
TCDD UNQUOTE OR QUOTE TETRACHLORODIBENZENE PARADIOXINE UNQUOTE.
ITALIAN GOVERNOR FOR TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL
ASSISTANCE OF NATO MILITARY COMMANDS TO IMPLEMENT
EFFICIENT AND RAPID MEASURES TO DESTROY THIS GAS
SPREADING OVER LIVING AREAS. URGENT REPLY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED
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